GOVERNMEMNT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Department – Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service - Special Rules – Notification – Orders - Issued.

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Commissioner & Director of Agriculture for examination and submission to Government with his remarks and suggestions. In his letters read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, after due examination of the draft rules, submitted proposals to Government for re-issue of Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service Rules. Government after careful consideration of the Report of the One Man Commission, the revised draft Rules furnished by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture and also keeping in view the orders and instructions issued by the Government from time to time after submission of the Report by the One Man Commission in which they have not been covered, have decided to issue the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service Rules.

2. The following Notification will be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and of all other powers here unto enabling and in supersession of the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service Rules, in existence, as amended from time to time, and of all the ad-hoc rules issued to the extent of these rules, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules for the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service.

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:

(A). These rules may be called "the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service Rules (APAS Rules)".

(B). They shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. CONSTITUTION:

The Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service consists of the following categories of posts under different Classes:

CLASS-A:

Category 1 : **Additional Director of Agriculture**
Category 2 : **Joint Director of Agriculture.**
Category 3 : **Deputy Director of Agriculture.**
Category 4 : **Assistant Director of Agriculture**
Category 5 : **Agricultural officer**

CLASS-B:

Category 1 : **Superintendent Engineer (Agriculture)**
Category 2 : **Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**
Category 3 : **Deputy Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**
Category 4 : **Assistant Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**

CLASS-C:

Category-1 : **Joint Director (Statistics)(**including Special Officer (Crop Insurance)
Category 2 : **Deputy Director (Statistics**)
Category 3 : **Assistant Director (Statistics)**

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CLASS –D:

Category 1 : **Law Officer**

Category 2 : **Administrative Officer.**

3. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT & APPOINTING AUTHORITY:

(i) Appointment to the category of posts specified below shall be made by the method specified against each category.

Class – Category	Method of Appointment		Appointing Authority
CLASS- A:			
Category (1): **Additional Director of Agriculture.**	By Promotion from category (2) of class-A		Government
Category (2): **Joint Director of Agriculture.**	By promotion from category (3) of class A		Government
Category (3): **Deputy Director of Agriculture.**	By promotion from category (4) of class A		Government
Category (4): **Assistant Director of Agriculture**	By Promotion from category (5) of class A		Government
Category (5) : **Agricultural Officer**	(i)	By Direct Recruitment (60% of Posts)	Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.
	(ii)	Appointment by transfer on promotion of Agriculture Extension Officers Grade I and Grade II under A.P.A.S.S. with B.Sc. (Ag.) qualification (40% of Posts)	
CLASS-B.			
Category 1 : **Superintendent Engineer (Agriculture)**	By promotion from the category (2) of class B.		Government
Category 2: **Executive Engineer(Agriculture)**	By promotion from category (3) of class B.		Government

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Category 3: **Deputy Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**	1. By promotion from category (4) of class B) 2. By promotion by transfer of AEE (Agri.) in APASS Rules. Provided that if no candidate is available for appointment on promotion by transfer from the category 3 of class B or from the category of AEE (Agriculture) in APASS., the extent of the short fall shall be filled in by direct recruitment.	Government
Category 4: **Assistant Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**	(i) There shall be no future recruitment to this category.	Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.
CLASS-C		
Category 1: **Joint Director (Statistics)** including Special Officer (Crop Insurance)	(i) By promotion from Category - 2 of class C (ii) If no qualified candidate in category 2 of class C [i.e., D.D. (Statistics)] is available for promotion, such posts may be filled from the category of **Joint Director of Agriculture (Class -A, Category-2),** since they have studied 'Agriculture Statistics' as one of the subjects in their B.Sc., (Agrl) course.	Government
Category 2: **Deputy Director (Statistics)**	By promotion from category 3 of class C.	Government
Category 3: **Assistant Director (Statistics)**	(i) By appointment on promotion by transfer of Deputy Statistical Officer in the APASS. (OR) By Direct Recruitment. (60% posts). (ii) If no qualified candidate in the category of Deputy Statistical Officer of APASS is available or if	Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.

	qualified candidate is not found suitable, such posts shall be filled by transfer on tenure basis of Assistant Director of Statistics from the Department of Economics and Statistics.	
CLASS-D:		
Category 1: **Law Officer**	To be filled on tenure basis by deputation of Assistant Public Prosecuting Officers.	Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.
Category 2: **Administrative Officer**	By appointment by transfer on promotion of Superintendents in the Andhra Pradesh Ministerial Service in Agriculture Department .	Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.

NOTE-1:

For recruitment to the posts of Agricultural Officer (Category (5) under Class A), the order of rotation in every cycle of 25 vacancies shall be as follows:

CYCLE:

01. Direct Recruitment
02. Direct Recruitment
03. Promotion
04. Direct Recruitment
05. Direct Recruitment
06. Promotion
07. Direct Recruitment
08. Direct recruitment
09. Promotion
10. Direct Recruitment
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23. Direct Recruitment
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25. Promotion

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NOTE-2:

The seniority of persons appointed to the various posts in the Agricultural service shall be governed by the provisions of General Rule 33 of A.P. State & Subordinate Service Rules.

4. RESERVATIONS IN APPOINTMENTS:

In the matters of direct recruitment as well as promotions to various posts covered in these rules, the rule of reservation provided for under Rules 22 and 22-A of the Andhra Pradesh State & Subordinate Service Rules (General Rules), as amended from time to time, shall be followed.

5. QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible for appointment to the categories specified in column (1) of Annexure appended to these Rules, by the method specified in column (2), unless he / she possesses the qualifications specified in corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

6. AGE:

The minimum age prescribed in the Andhra Pradesh State & Subordinate Service Rules, for **direct recruitment**, as amended from time to time, shall be followed.

The age relaxation shall be followed for the reserved communities as prescribed in the General Rules, as amended from time to time.

7. MINIMUM SERVICE:

No member of Service shall be eligible for promotion /appointment by transfer from the lower category, class or grade, to the next higher category, unless he/she has put in not less than two (2) years of service in such lower category, class or grade.

8. PROBATION:

(a) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to any of the posts, shall be on probation for a total period of two years on duty, within a continuous period of three years, from the date on which he/she commences his / her probation.

(b) Every person appointed to any of the posts either by promotion or appointment by transfer shall be on probation for a total period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years from the date on which he/she commences his/her probation.

9. TRAINING:

(a) Every person appointed either by direct recruitment or by appointment by transfer to the post of Agricultural officer shall undergo two months training course immediately after appointment, for such a period and as per such programme and syllabus as shall be prescribed by Commissioner & Director of Agriculture from time to time.

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(b) Every person appointed by direct recruitment shall, before the commencement of training, execute an agreement bond that he/she shall serve the Department for a period of three (3) years after completion of the training referred to in sub-rule (a), failing which he/she shall be liable to refund to the Government, the pay and allowances or any other remuneration received by him/her in addition to the amount spent by the Government on his/her training.

(c)(i) If he/she fails to serve the Department for a period of 3 years after completion of his/her training for any reason, or

(ii) If he/she discontinues the training or is discharged from training course for misconduct or any other reason, the enforcement of bond should not be insisted upon in the case of an employee of State Government who joins the Central Government / State Government or Quasi Government Organization or another Public Enterprise, wholly / substantially owned / financed / controlled by the Central Government or autonomous bodies in order to secure employment other than private employment, subject to the condition that fresh bond is taken to ensure that the employee serves the new employer for the balance of the original bond period.

(d) The period of training shall count for purpose of probation, increment, leave and such other purposes etc.

(e) A person appointed by direct recruitment shall be eligible, during the period of Training, for the initial pay of the post with usual allowances admissible at the place of training.

10. PROMOTIONS:

A minimum of 5 years service in 'Agriculture Extension' is compulsory for Agricultural Officers for next promotion i.e., Assistant Director of Agriculture.

11. TESTS:

Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the different categories given below shall pass the following Tests within the period of Probation:

AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS:

(a) Agricultural Departmental Tests

(b) Accounts Test for Executive Officers

12. UNIT OF APPOINTMENT:

For the following categories of posts under the classes specified in the table below, each Zone is a Unit for the purpose of recruitment, appointment, discharge for want of vacancy, seniority, promotion, transfer and appointment as full member etc., and each Zone

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consists of the districts noted against each Zone:

Class – Category	Unit of Appointment
CLASS- A:	
Category (1): **Additional Director of Agriculture.**	State of Andhra Pradesh
Category (2): **Joint Director of Agriculture.**	-do-
Category (3): **Deputy Director of Agriculture.**	-do-
Category (4): **Assistant Director of Agriculture**	-do-
Category (5) : **Agricultural Officer**	Zone **Note**: Provided that the posts of Agricultural Officers in the Office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture and the State Level Offices notified under Andhra Pradesh Public Employment [APPE] (Organization of Local Cadres & Regulation of Direct Recruitment) Rules, 1975 shall be filled by drafting personnel from the zonal units in the ratio of the cadre strength of the respective posts in the different zonal units.
CLASS-B.	
Category 1: **Superintendent Engineer (Agriculture)**	State of Andhra Pradesh
Category 2: **Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**	State of Andhra Pradesh
Category 3: **Deputy Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**	State of Andhra Pradesh
Category 4: **Assistant Executive Engineer (Agriculture)**	Zone
CLASS -C	
Category 1: **Joint Director (Statistics)** including Special Officer (Crop Insurance)	State of Andhra Pradesh
Category 2: **Deputy Director (Statistics)**	State of Andhra Pradesh

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Category 3: **Assistant Director (Statistics)**	Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.
CLASS-D:	
Category 1: **Law Officer**	Zone **Note:** In respect of the Law Officer in the Office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, the 'unit' shall be the Office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.
Category 2: **Administrative Officer**	Zone. **Note:** In respect of the Administrative Officer in the Office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, the 'unit' shall be the Office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.

13. TRANSFERS & POSTINGS:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture shall be competent to effect transfers and postings of persons in respect of the categories/classes to which he is the appointing authority. For the rest of the categories in respect of which, the Government is the appointing authority, the transfers and postings shall be ordered by Government.

14. REPEAL AND SAVINGS:

All the Special Rules and Ad-hoc Rules issued from time to time governing the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Service, are hereby repealed.

Provided that nothing in these rules shall adversely affect the appointments made in accordance with the repealed rules, prior to the coming into force of these rules.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase,
A.P., Vijayawada. He is requested to publish the above notification in the A.P. Gazette and furnish (100) copies each to the Government and Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

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Copy to:
The P.S. to the Hon'ble Min. (Agri.).
The G.A. (Ser. C) Dept.
The G.A. (SPF & MC) Dept.
The Law Dept.
The Secretary, A.P. Agricultural Officers Association, Guntur.
All concerned.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE
(See Rule-5)

Class & Category	**Method of Appointment**	**Qualification**
Class-A		
Cat.5 Agricultural Officer	(a) By direct recruitment:	Must possess a 4 years Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture of State Agriculture University or any other Agriculture University or University, accredited by ICAR.
	(b) By transfer by Promotion:	Must possess a 4 years Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture of State Agriculture University or any other Agriculture University or University, accredited by ICAR.
		Every person appointed by direct recruitment or by promotion in the category should pass the following tests within the period of probation: (i) Agriculture Departmental Tests (ii) Accounts Test for Executive Officers**.**
Class-B		
Category4: Assistant Executive Engineer (Agriculture)	NOTE: There shall be no future recruitment to this category of posts.	
Class-C		
Category 3: Assistant Director (Statistics)	Appointment by (a) Transfer by promotion;	(a) Must possess a degree in one of the subjects of Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, Commerce, Applied Statistics, Computer Science, or any other recognized equivalent qualifications from a University or an Institution recognized by UGC.

	(b) Direct recruitment	(b) Post Graduation in Statistics or Econometrics or Mathematics from a University or Institution recognized by the UGC. Every person appointed to the category, should pass the following Tests within the period of probation: 1. Agriculture Departmental Tests. 2. Accounts Test for Executive Officers.
Class D		
Category 1: Law Officer	To be filled on tenure basis by deputation of Assistant Public Prosecuting Officers.	Must possess a degree in Law of any recognized University / Institution recognized by the UGC or any other recognized equivalent qualification.

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